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1. AFTER A FLURRY OF MOTIONS FROM DEFENSE COUNSEL, THE FIRST WITNESS OF THE JUNE 2 TERRORISTS' TRIAL WAS HEARD JUNE 20 AT THE 16TH SESSION; THE WITNESS, A POLICE OFFICIAL, GAVE TESTIMONY CONCERNING THE DISCOVERY OF WEAPONS IN THE TEGEL FOREST. ONE MOTION FILED CLAIMED THAT THE PRESIDING JUDGE UNCLASSIFIED

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(GEUS) HAD OFFERED A LAWYER DM 800 TO DM 1000 PER SESSION IF HE WOULD ACT AS A DEFENSE COUNSEL; GEUS ALLEGEDLY INFORMED THE LAWYER, WHO STATED HE LACKED EXPERIENCE IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS THAT HE WOULD BE TOLD WHAT TO DO IN THE TRIAL. GEUS TERMED ACCUSATION "MERE FICTION."

2. DEFENDANTS ANDREAS VOGEL AND FRITZ TEUFEL WERE EACH

GIVEN 3 DAYS' DISCIPLINARY CONFINEMENT FOR MISBEHAVIOR AT TRIAL ON JUNE 21: TEUFEL FOR POURING WATER OVER A DEFENSE COUNSEL APPOINTED AGAINST HIS WISHES, VOGEL FOR INSULTING THE PRESIDING JUDGE.

3. DEFENDANT TILL MEYER, JUST RETURNED TO BERLIN FROM BULGARIA AFTER SPECTACULAR ESCAPE FROM MOABIT PRISON (USBERLIN 1483), IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO TRIAL SESSIONS THIS WEEK. QUESTION OF HIS LEGAL REPRESENTATION REMAINS UNCLEAR, SINCE HIS PERSONALLY CHOSEN LAWYER, MUELLERHOFF, HAS BEEN ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF COMPLICITY IN HIS BREAKOUT AND A PETITION HAS BEEN FILED BY FEDERAL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE FOR MUELLERHOF'S EXCLUSION FROM THE TRIAL. DAVIS

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